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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the "Abstract of the Disclosure" on the attached separate sheet.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0045] A stamped and formed stator for a hydrodynamic torque converter includes a hub with at least one hub section, wherein each hub section has a plurality of hub segments formed from a common blank; a plurality of vanes formed as one piece with respective hub segments; and a rim including a plurality of rim segments formed as one piece with each other and with respective vanes. The stator may be made in three sections which are fitted to a hub base body and connected together by welding.